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- REACTOR

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1. GDR PARTY ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) JUNE 23 CONTINUED EAST GERMAN CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQ'S NUCLEAR REACTOR. ND PRINTED A MESSAGE FROM PARTY LEADER HONECKER TO THE "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH SYRIA AND THE PLO AGAINST THE CONSPIRACIES OF IMPERIALISM AND ITS ALLIES" IN DAMASCUS. AFTER UNCONDITIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ACTION, HONECKER REPEATED STANDARD GDR POSITIONS FAVORING THE

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RETURN OF ALL OCCUPIED LANDS TO PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARABS, AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, AND THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE. HONECKER'S MESSAGE FOLLOWED UP JUNE 10-18 CONDEMNATIONS OF THE RAID MADE FOR THE RECORD BY THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, PARTY, MASS ORGANIZATIONS, AND UN REPRESENTATIVE. THE EAST GERMAN POSITION HAD BEEN WELCOMED IN A JUNE 18 JOINT DECLARATION BY ARAB AMBASSADORS (WHICH ONES NOT SPECIFIED) ACCREDITED TO THE GDR.

2. THE EAST GERMAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT CONDEMNATION ALLEGED THAT THE ISRAELI RAID CONSTITUTED AN ACT OF "STATE TERRORISM." THE RAID WAS DESCRIBED AS UNPROVOKED, SINCE THE IRAQI FACILITY WAS NOT FOR WEAPONS PRODUCTION. BEGIN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE USED THE REACTOR AS A PRETEXT FOR

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MILITARY ACTION IN ORDER TO BLACKMAIL THE ARAB STATES AND TO DEMONSTRATE ISRAELI MILITARY DOMINANCE. THE ISRAELI ACTIONS WERE PART OF A GLOPAL STRATEGY OF "IMPERIALISM" USING U.S. WEAPONS, ACCORDING TO A ND JUNE 10 EDITORIAL.

3. COMMENT: THE ARAB AMBASSADORS' JOINT DECLARATION THANKING THE GDR CLEARLY REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GDR'S PRESENT MEMBERSHIP IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL HOLDS FOR THE HARDLINE ARAB STATES.OKUN

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